



Appl. No. : 09/805,959
Applicant : Paul R. Sprehe
Filed : March 14, 2001
TC/A.U. : 3628
Examiner : Timothy M. Harbeck
Docket No. : 126470-1002
Customer No. : 32914

Confirmation No. 3694

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)</p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail and in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p><u>Kelly Breeze</u> <u>Kelly Sprehe</u> (Signature of person mailing paper)</p> <p>Date: <u>2-9-2006</u></p>

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified patent application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid		Present Extra	Large Entity Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	-	20	=	0	\$50.00	\$0
Indep. Claims	1	-	3	=	0	\$200.00	\$0
						TOTAL	\$0

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or to credit any fee overpayment relating to this matter to Deposit Account No. 07-0153. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Feb. 9, 2006

Michael E. Martin
Michael E. Martin
Registration No. 24,821
Agent for Applicant

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP
1601 Elm Street, Suite 3000
Dallas, Texas 75201-4761
(214) 999-3000
(214) 999-3623 (Fax)



Attorney Docket
No. 126470-1002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

Paul R. Sprehe

Serial No. 09/805,959

Filed: 03/14/2001

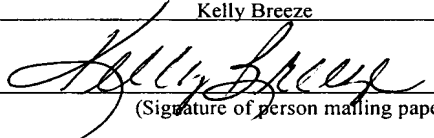
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
FINANCING NATURAL GAS
UTILITY INVENTORIES IN
UNDERGROUND RESERVOIRS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Group Art Unit: 3628

Examiner: Timothy M. Harbeck

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)</p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail and in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Kelly Breeze</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> (Signature of person mailing paper)</p> <p>Date: _____ February 9, 2006</p>
--

AMENDMENT A

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.